

Religion Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Social Work. The new programs are expected to attract a record number of new students to the college for the next academic year and ensure a steady stream of students for the foreseeable future. Medgar Evers College provides students with the flexibility to select their course of study and schedule their classes around commitments such as a job, thereby providing those adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity with the chance to return to school. Education is the key to escaping the grasp of poverty that plagues so many Americans. Medgar Evers College is taking profound steps to ensure that those in need have access to higher education.

It is my sincere hope that other Colleges and Universities across the nation will join Medgar Evers College in providing opportunity for the working poor to enhance their education and qualify for better paid employment.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN G. JACOB ON
HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 90th birthday of Helen G. Jacob, an inspirational woman who fought for our country in WW II and who continues to fight on behalf of her fellow veterans every day. Helen is a brilliant example of commitment and devotion to one's community and fellow man.

The daughter of Frank and Ellen Cooley, Helen was born on May 16, 1918 in Buffalo, New York where she and her siblings resided on Crescent Avenue. Helen attended St. Mark's School and Mount St. Joseph's High School.

Helen, against her mother's wishes, joined the army in 1942 and was assigned to the 29th Traffic Regiment Division. Landing in Paris six days after the liberation, Helen performed tasks related to moving troops throughout Europe.

Upon her return to Buffalo, Helen was denied membership in both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. In what has become her trademark, Helen pioneered and founded the Ereico Women's Post #1586.

In 1984, Helen began volunteering as the Women's Veteran Coordinator, amassing more than 12,000 hours of dedicated service. In 1996, the Helen G. Jacob Wellness Clinic opened in the VA Medical Center in Buffalo, New York in recognition of her tireless advocacy for quality services within the VA Western NY Healthcare System. By Helen's example and lifelong work, we are also reminded of the obligation to keep the promises made by our government to our veterans.

Justifiably and deservedly, Helen has been honored over the years. These awards include American Legion's Legionnaire of the Year; The Found Women Award from Women Focus of Western New York; Buffalo Ambassador from the Greater Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau; Award of Excellence from Every Women's Opportunity Center; the United Way and J.C. Penny's Golden Rule Award; and the Susan B. Anthony Award.

Helen continues to respond to calls for service including my request that she serve on the military academy review panel for the applicants in the 27th District. She remains an active member of over 20 different organizations. Helen is also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mark's Church.

Her two children, Patricia and Bill, and grandchildren, Tom, Michelle, Christine, Eric, Adam, and Kevin, will join with the family of veterans and friends on May 9th at the Troop I Hamlin House to celebrate Helen's 90 years of life, love, and laughter.

Helen is a friend to all and a fighter for veterans. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Helen G. Jacob on the occasion of her 90th birthday and to thank her for her service and continuing commitment to our country.

CONGRATULATING NURSE MARY
ALICE WILLIAMS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Alice Williams, of North Richland Hills, Texas. The Texas Nurses Association, Districts Three and Four, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives have recognized Ms. Williams as one of the Great 100 Nurses of 2008. Ms. Williams works as a nurse at the North Hills Hospital.

Nurses are often the initial and most frequent individuals who come in contact with patients. They serve as greeters, encyclopedias of patient histories, comforters, and above all healers. Mary Alice exhibits all these excellent qualities on a daily basis.

Each year this recognition is bestowed on nurses who embody excellence in the science and art of nursing. The chosen honorees belong to an array of professional organizations and work in a wide variety of clinical specialties. This is the 18th consecutive year that the Texas Nurses Association, Districts Three and Four, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives have recognized area nurses for their compassion and dedication. The recipients will be honored at a gala event on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to stand today and congratulate Mary Alice Williams. She is a fine representative of the North Texas nursing community. Her work is an excellent contribution to the patients of North Hills Hospital and I am proud to serve her in the 26th District of Texas. Ms. Williams has exhibited great skill in the field of nursing, and truly deserves this great honor. I join the entire North Texas community in thanking her for the apparent commitment to her fellow citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN
STEPHENS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Carolyn Stephens by entering her name in the CON-

GRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Carolyn Stephens, Managing Partner for Jerolyn Enterprises, for her achievements in small business throughout the Las Vegas community.

Carolyn Stephens moved to Las Vegas after receiving her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Georgia. She used her experience to acquire a job as Director for the Health Care Division of Manpower Temporary Services. After this, Carolyn established a business of her own called Information Products, Inc., which supplied computer and copy paper to local businesses. Gerald (Jerry), Carolyn's husband and business partner, has supported her in her business endeavors. Together, the Stephens opened Lazer Graphics in 1985, putting their business on the cutting edge of digital technology as the first company in Las Vegas to turn computer graphics into high-resolution output film for businesses. She demonstrated her leadership for small business issues when she was appointed to serve as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business.

Discovering the need to connect other local woman business owners, Carolyn published the Women's Yellow Pages of Southern Nevada from 1993 to 1995. Carolyn has worked tirelessly to champion the advancement of women in business. For her work and dedication, she has received numerous awards and achievements including being the first recipient of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Circle of Excellence Award. She was also honored with the American Red Cross Clara Barton Medal of Excellence, the American Heart Association Heart of Gold, and the Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award. Moreover, the Small Business Administration has recognized her with the SBA's Women Business Advocate Award.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Carolyn Stephens and would like to recognize her accomplishments within the Las Vegas community. I would also like to congratulate her on receiving recognition as the Women in Business Champion of the Year for the 2008 Small Business Awards.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN SCHWADE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joan Schwade for reaching a noteworthy milestone of 40 years' service as a meter reader in the community of Protivin, Iowa.

As a meter reader in a small town, Joan gets a fascinating perspective of the community and has a great opportunity to regularly meet with townspeople. When she started her job in 1968, all of the 177 meters in town were located on the inside of homes. Times changed and today meters are located outside the homes, so readers like Joan are able to make it through their routes more efficiently. At the age of 76, Joan continues to enjoy the exercise and opportunity to talk with local residents. It is reported that she could do without the dogs and winter weather, but she plans to